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Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
Only one day a week
like this, please.

Have you ever seen a large, grown woman so mad she had tears in her eyes? It's not a pretty sight. But, between the heat and my frustration level, that's what happened to me Saturday afternoon. I was not a role model for the calm, cool, collected or serene.

I suppose it began when I wanted to finish mowing the yard. It should be fairly simple. The "guys" were in the hay meadow, and all I needed to do was climb up on my little ole' 8N tractor and go. Of course, one of the back tires was low. So I had to locate the air compressor, drag it out to the tractor, wait for it to fill, then get down on my hands and titanium knees to reach the valve stem. That accomplished I discovered that I kept turning wrong, so that clouds of dusty grass clippings kept blinding me. That's not that unusual, though.

After the tractor mowing it was time for the push mowing. I cranked on that sucker until I was covered in sweat and made enough to bite nails in two. Of course, the reason it wouldn't crank is that it has to be killed by taking the spark plug wire loose, and I hadn't replaced it before I started yanking on the rope. With the wire in place it thing roared into life on the first pull. Duh!

Well, the push mowing was finished and all I needed was a little sit down in the shade and something cold to drink.

But sitting there I kept gazing at my brand new little red dump bed trailer that was my birthday present. And I conceived the bright idea that I would simply pick up the dried clods of dirt that were left from digging a long trench for an electric line, back up to a gully and use my handy dandy trailer to dump it out.

Great idea. But I did not make myself acquainted with the workings of the trailer before I set about this task. I left the tail gate in. I loaded the trailer, pulled forward on the four wheeler and backed up to the ditch. Of course, I am totally dyslexic about backing trailers, be they gooseneck or little ones, and that took a while.

But, I tried to dump the dirt. Then I realized the tail gate must come out. So I tried to remove it. It was wedged by the weight of the dirt.

I drove forward and headed for the shed to get some tools. Halfway across my just-manicured lawn the blankety blank trailer dumped, catching the tailgate, pulling it loose and bending my new trailer!

My husband arrived about that time from the meadow to find me standing there, hot to the point to dying, wet, smeared with dirt and madder than the proverbial wet hen.

When he asked me what had happened all I could do was snub and snivel like a four year old.

He promised me to fix the trailer (he did). He also said it was time for me to go get cooled off and have something cold to drink. I did. I felt stupid. I swore to myself I wouldn't let things get to me so badly ever again. But then, Monday came. You don't EVEN want to hear about it!!

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America's hospitals need immediate relief

America's hospitals are ailing. The prognosis for recovery is uncertain at best. The budget crisis at Parkland Hospital and Health System in Dallas is not just an isolated problem. From rural health centers to mid-sized community hospitals to large urban medical centers, public and private hospitals are facing an array of challenges that threaten their ability to fulfill their mission of caring for the communities they serve.

Congress' intent by passing the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) was clear, to generate \$53 billion in Medicare payment savings over five years. This would be far and away the greatest contribution to the projected federal budget surplus of \$4.2 billion by 2010. But, the law's unintended consequences have actually cut Medicare payments to hospitals by \$75 billion, \$5.7 billion from Texas, in the last three years.

As a result, hospitals all over Texas are struggling. For THR, this has meant a loss of \$210 million in reimbursements in 2000. Because we, like hospitals across Texas and around the country, are being asked to absorb more of the cost to care for Medicare patients, we are forced to take a hard look at the programs and services hit hardest by the cuts, home health, skilled nursing and rehabilitation, for closure or drastic reductions. The sad fact is that the cost-effective program of care for Medicare patients that hospitals have put together over the past decade is being destroyed by the BBA.

In fact, the BBA is having an effect right here in Deport, Detroit, Bogata, Pattonville and Blossom. Some doctors are now refusing to see new Medicare patients. Medicare's inadequate reimbursement rate has forced McCuiston Regional Medical Center to limit its services to patients as it faces the potential of greatly reduced operating funds because of the BBA.

There are many factors putting a squeeze on the ability of America's hospitals to maintain vital programs and services. According to the American Hospital Association, 55% of a hospital's total expenses are represented by people costs, salaries and benefits. With a tight labor market and inadequate numbers of enrollees in nursing schools and other health professions, salaries are on the rise. Hospital are experiencing a dramatic rise in the cost of drugs and pharmaceuticals. The average cost of new drugs is more than twice that of existing drugs. While advances in technology are improving the care that hospitals can provide to their patients, the cost to acquire that technology is escalating. And, America's hospitals are being asked to provide care to more and more uninsured people as the cost to provide that care continues to rise. Today, approximately 44 million people are uninsured and that number is projected to rise to 55 million by the year 2010.

While Washington continues to offer inadequate solutions, Texas Health Resources has recommitted our efforts to strengthen what we do

best, caring for patients. This approach emphasizes continuing to improve our financial performance evaluating opportunities to enhance quality care, and listening to our customers patients and their families, doctors, THR employees, local employers and others.

Like several nonprofit health systems across the country THR was formed in anticipation of many of today's challenges. Harris Methodist Health System had Presbyterian Healthcare Resources combined operations in 1997 and Arlington Memorial Hospital Foundation joined the organization soon after. This unique organizational approach to the delivery of health care in North Central Texas has enabled THR hospitals to gain efficiencies and share

continuous improvement efforts in serving the growing health care needs of the communities we serve. In addition, our employers and health insurance companies have seen the value of working with a health care organization that offers a network of 5,000 physicians and more than 18,000 employees.

However, in order to survive and continue to serve the health care needs of our area in the future, we have been forced to make some very tough decisions recently to meet rising costs and stretch the capital investment needs of our hospitals. In February, THR sold the Harris Methodist Health Plan and we've consolidated or eliminated other programs and services.

By telling our story and demonstrating the dire consequences of the BBA on our patients, we have encouraged our area legislators to pass BBA relief now. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the Texas delegation and specifically, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and U.S. Representative Max Sandlin, we have achieved some small victories. But, the battle is not won and we will continue to fight for restoration of funds in the coming year, some \$14.6 billion in payments to America's hospitals, \$6.2 million to THR hospitals directly. And, even more will be needed in the future.

Failure to scale back the Balanced Budget Act will force the health care industry into further financial chaos, resulting in irreparable harm to rural and urban safety net institutions. Without legislative relief, there is no effective treatment available to cure what is ailing America's hospitals.

As a consumer of health care in North Central Texas, we invite you to join us in calling upon Congress to pass immediate BBA relief for hospitals. Your voice is important to the future of health care in your community.

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RHS Athletic Booster Club Meets

The first meeting of the year was held for the Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club on Monday, August 14, 2000 at the high school. Officers this year are: President-Debbie Hare, Vice President-Jeanne Hoffman, Secretary-Karen Beers and Treasurer-Kay Ross.

The annual Hamburger Supper was discussed and will be held at the first home scrimmage football game vs James Bowie on August 25, 2000. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. Prices this year will be \$4.00 for a cheese-

burger basket or \$3.75 for a hamburger basket which will include burger, chips and drink.

The group will also begin their annual membership drive at this first scrimmage game. The fee this year is \$10.00. All proceeds earned go for athletic activities and toward scholarships for this year's seniors. Everyone is encouraged to join the group and help support the Rebel and Lady Rebel teams plus help the graduating seniors with college tuition through scholarships.

Historical marker dedication set for August 26

On August 26, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. in Sam Houston Park north of Clarksville a dedication ceremony will be held for a new Texas Historical Marker celebrating the contribution of Mr. Jesse B. Bowman, defender of

the Alamo, to the heritage of Texas. Speaker for the program will be Mr. Bob Bowman, a descendant of the marker honoree. Everyone is invited to attend this special ceremony.



TALCO JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS-(from the left) Whitney Savage, Jesi Navia, Laci Hinton and Cassie McCuller display some of this year's Rivercrest Rebel sportswear. All proceeds from the sales will go to the Athletic Department. Items offered are: short sleeve screen printed T-shirts for \$12 each; long sleeve screen printed T-shirts for \$15 each; screen printed sweat shirts for \$16 each; embroidered long sleeve full button twill shirts in white and denim for \$24 or in blue for \$29; short sleeve embroidered polo shirts for \$23; blue plaid embroidered boxer shorts for \$15; blue plaid embroidered lounge pants for \$20 and embroidered low profile college style, regular profile (pro baseball) or bucket caps for \$11 each and wind suits for \$75 each. XXL sizes are \$2.00 higher. All items are available in youth to adult sizes. Everyone is encouraged to show their school spirit and support Rivercrest athletics with their purchase. Order forms are available at all school campuses and the deadline for orders is August 28, 2000. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



JUST BEGINNING-their long road to education are this year's Talco Pre-Kindergarten students. The group and their teacher, Lisa Via, were studying colors bright and early Monday morning. Class members are: (back row from the left) Nikki Norman, Jessica Thompson, Bianca Savage, Jamal Curtis, Austin Brooks and Mrs. Via; (front row from the left) Daiton Belcher, Keondra Byrd, Ashton Sellers, Ashton Smith, Taylor Moles and Savanna Martin. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Blood pressure, childbirth classes offered at Lennox Center

Free blood pressure checks and free glucose screenings are held every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Lennox Health Resource Center in Clarksville.

No appointment is necessary.

On Monday, August 21, a childbirth preparation class will be held. Please call to confirm your space in class. Pre-registration is required for the class. Call 903-427-8500.

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Country Cooking with Liz Irwin

Our cook this week is Steven Ray "Mad Dog" Faulkner of Paris. He is the 14 year old son of Jerry and Cindy Faulkner of Paris. He was recommended as cook by his grandmother JoAnn Faulkner of Clarksville, who reads our column. She thought he would make an interesting article and she was right. His grandfather, Jo Ann's husband is Jim and other grandparents are Gene and Ethelda Boyd. Steven has three brothers, Tony 23, Jay 20 and John 11.

Steven will be a freshman at North Lamar this fall and is a very active young man. He loves all types of sports, but baseball is his favorite. He does volunteer work at the hospital in the various departments.

He enjoys cooking and often has a meal prepared when his parents come in after work. His mom really appreciates this. He states that he has

cooked since he was 10 and always helped his mom with supper: He prepares lunch for his brothers and dad.

Here are some of his favorite recipes... and take notice that he does not use box mixes, they are all from scratch! Try some of these and we will see you in the kitchen!

Brownies-notice that he does not use a mix...these are from scratch!
Millionaire Pie-this pie is delicious!
Peanut Brittle-no microwave here!
Hot Chocolate-perfect for early morning snack if you don't like coffee or tea!
Spaghetti Sauce with Meat-again, here we go with not boxes or mixes... just scratch!
Hushpuppies-great side dish for soups, stews, etc!... scratch again!



YOUNG COOK and Volunteer the cook this week is Steven Ray "Mad Dog" Faulkner. He is shown here with his mom, Cindy Faulkner. He not only is a pretty good cook, but serves as a volunteer at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Healthcare Center in Paris. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Stephen Ray "Mad Dog" Faulkner-Paris
August 17, 2000

<p>Brownies</p> <p>6 tablespoons cocoa 1/4 cup butter 1/2 cup white corn syrup 1/2 cup sugar 2 eggs 1 cup sifted flour 1/4 teaspoon salt 1 cup chopped nuts</p> <p>Melt cocoa and butter in saucepan over low heat. Beat eggs, add sugar and corn syrup; blend well. Add to cooled cocoa mixture. Blend in flour to which salt has been added. Pour into greased 8-inch square pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes. Cut into bars. When cool spread with chocolate frosting. Makes 20 1-1/2" x 2" bars.</p> <p>Millionaire Pie</p> <p>8 ounces cream cheese 1 cup sugar 1 large Cool Whip 1 cup chopped nuts 1 small can crushed pineapple graham cracker crust</p> <p>Mix cream cheese and sugar together. Add remaining ingredients. Pour into graham cracker crust. Makes 2 eight inch pies.</p> <p>Peanut Brittle</p> <p>2 cups raw peanuts 1 cup Karo syrup 1 cup sugar 1 teaspoon soda</p> <p>Cook 8-10 minutes and remove from heat and add soda. Mix well and pour into buttered dishes or pans. When cool, break into pieces.</p>	<p>Hot Chocolate</p> <p>1/4 + 2 tablespoons cocoa 1/2 cup sugar dash of salt 4 cups milk</p> <p>Mix cocoa, sugar and salt in saucepan. Add small amount of milk, about 1/2 cup to form a smooth paste. Stir in remaining milk. Heat thoroughly. Do not boil. Remove from heat and beat until foamy. Yields 4-5 servings.</p> <p>Spaghetti Sauce with Meat</p> <p>1/2 cup celery 1/2 cup chopped peppers 2 tablespoons oil 1/2 cup chopped onions 1 pound ground meat 1 can tomatoes 1 small can tomato paste</p> <p>In heavy skillet, cook vegetables in oil over medium heat until tender. Brown meat along with vegetables and add tomatoes and tomato paste. Season to taste.</p> <p>Hushpuppies</p> <p>2 cups cornmeal 1 cup flour 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon baking powder 1-1/2 cups milk 2 eggs 1 cup chopped onion</p>
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Sen. Hutchison will address conference

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison will address the GOP Jubilee 2000 on Saturday, August 19. The conference will be held at the Titus County Civic Center in Mt. Pleasant. Reservations are required. Call 572-0653 for information.

Other confirmed speakers include David Dewhurst, Texas Land Commissioner, Susan Weddington, Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, several State Representatives and leaders in the areas of education, tort reform, environmental law and judicial activism.

A large crowd is expected.



Mark Perkins, has filed as write-in candidate for Red River County Sheriff

Attend The Church of Your Choice

Mark Perkins files write-in candidacy for Sheriff position in Red River County

Longtime deputy sheriff Mark Perkins paid his filing fee Wednesday, August 9 to run as a write-in candidate for Red River County Sheriff.

Perkins will face Bob Storey in the November 7 general election. Storey defeated Sheriff Bob Edrington in the primary run-off earlier this year.

"Some people have been saying that I was "put up" to running for Sheriff, but that's definitely not true. I have thought of running for Sheriff several times as my experience in law enforcement expanded," Perkins said Monday morning from his office at the Sheriff's Department. "But I did not want to run against my boss, Sheriff Edrington, who I respect very much."

"We all know crime is growing at an alarming rate and we all have to fight it just one day at a time and I am willing to work as many hours a day as it takes to fight the crime in our county. Most of my family lives in Red River County and as Sheriff, I would have a part in making this

county a better and safer place to live and raise a family."

Perkins continued, "We need to keep the department moving forward, not backwards, if the department can improve as much in the next four to eight years as it has in the past eight years, we will have an excellent Sheriff's Department."

Perkins, 40, is a Red River County native and has lived in Bagwell all his life. He has owned and operated a locksmith and gun shop there since 1978. He is a 1978 graduate of Clarksville High School and did attend East Texas Police Academy where he received his law enforcement training in 1981. He has since taken several criminal justice courses through Southwest Texas State University.

Perkins is the only candidate who holds a current Texas Peace Officer commission, and with almost 20 years of law enforcement experience and 1,470 hours of in-service training. He holds the following licenses

with the State of Texas: Advanced Peace Officer, County Jailer, Instructor, Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor and Telecommunications Operator.

"I was a patrolman for the Clarksville Police Department for six years," he said, "and I have been a Red River County Deputy for 13 1/2 years."

The last seven and one-half years, he has served as the department training coordinator and as a firearms instructor. Perkins teaches law enforcement courses for East Texas Police Academy, a division of Kilgore College, telecommunications courses for Texas Department of Public Safety, and DWI courses for Texas A&M University.

Perkins said, "Based on feedback from the citizens of the county, I believe I have a good chance of winning this election," he concluded by saying, "and if elected, I would have no problem in hiring women law enforcement officers."

Card of Thanks

I want to thank all the members of the DePort Fire Department's First Responders. It's wonderful to know that we have these folks when we need help.

Thank you so much.
 Fay Elmore

Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187
News

*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.
 *Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.
 *Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.
 *The VFW will be starting a pool tournament on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for competition and fellowship.

Obituaries

Michael Shane Davidson dies August 2

Michael Shane Davidson, age 42 of DeKalb died Wednesday, August 2 in a Texarkana hospital.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 4 at Woodmen Cemetery in DeKalb with Billy Blakeney officiating. Bates-Rolf Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

He was born December 16, 1957 in Deport. He worked in the construction business and attended the Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, LaQuita Willis Davidson; a son, Michael Derick Davidson of DeKalb; a daughter and son-in-law, Ashley and Ronny Simmons of Texarkana; three brothers, Gary Davidson of Arthur City and Mark Davidson of Clarksville; two sisters, Carolyn Dagenhart of Shawnee, OK and Jamie Andrews of Bogata; one grandchild, Brett Tyler Usrey of Texarkana; and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Andrews, and his twin sister, Kathy Davidson.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

Mrs. Oneida Hughes dies August 10

Mrs. Oneida (Neat) Hughes, age 82 of Deport died Thursday, August 10 in Dallas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 13 in Wood Funeral Home Chapel in Deport with Rev. C.G. Renfro officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Deport.

Mrs. Hughes was born May 25, 1918 in Kenefic, Oklahoma, the daughter of Barney McCoy and Laura Louella Betterton Dunn. She married Richard (Curly) Hughes September 26, 1936. He preceded her in death July 27, 1996.

She is survived by her children, Jimmie Hughes and his wife, Karen of Meridian, Barbara Witherspoon and her husband, Donald of DeSoto and Glenda McCain of Midlothian; five grandchildren, Donnie and Darren Witherspoon, Susan Ruebman, Cris Hughes and Jana Gruber; six great-grandchildren, Gina and Samantha Towles Witherspoon, Vanessa Witherspoon, Wesley Ruebman and Cory and Zack Hughes.

Raymond Wright dies August 14

Raymond Wright, formerly of Bogata, died Monday, August 14 in East Texas Medical Center of Clarksville.

Graveside services were held at 7:00 pm. on Tuesday, August 15 at Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

Mr. Wright was born July 19, 1924 in Red River County, the son of Thomas and Willie Slaton Wright. He was a retired service station attendant.

Surviving are two brothers, Clarence Wright of Bogata and Morris Wright of Irving; and two sisters, Ruth Morris of Bogata and Flora Mae Patterson of Midland.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for everything that was done during the illness and death of our loved one Sally.

Flowers, food and most important your prayers. Sally was always smiling. We never heard her complain or cry. She trusted in her Lord.

Poem

We knew that morning that God was going to call your name; During your life, family and friends loved you dearly; Our hearts hurt to see you suffer and it hurt to lose you; But you did not go alone for part of us went with you.

You left us peaceful memories Your smile is still our guide Altho we cannot be with, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken. Now, nothing seems the same but God will call us one by one And the family chain will link again.

George & Maureen Richardson
Ron "Bud" Richardson
The Clyde Bankhead Family

Mrs. Jimmie Duffie dies August 9

Mrs. Jimmie Duffie, age 89, formerly of Johntown, died Wednesday, August 9 in Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata.

Graveside funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 11 in Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Billy Turpin officiating. Services were under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Duffie was born March 1, 1911 in Deport, the daughter of Jim and Sallie Ann Rogers Perkins. She married Burl Duffie on March 14, 1932. He preceded her in death April 9, 1986. She was a longtime member of Johntown Missionary Baptist Church and worked as a nurse's aide at Titus County Memorial Hospital retiring in 1971.

She is survived by a son, Gene Ray Duffie; and two grandsons, Gary Ray Duffie and Burl Wesley Duffie; as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Junior (PePaw) Phifer, would like to send a special thank you to all who gave food, flowers and cards, also to those who gave of their time. Thank you for the many special prayers we received during the loss of our precious PePaw. Thank you so much Revs. Mike and Lee and to Fry and Gibbs for seeing to all our needs. Everyone can collect their dishes at the City Hall in Detroit.

Card of Thanks

The family of Wesley Ward would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, visits, food, flowers, prayers and kindness shown during the loss of our Dad.

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HANAH ELDAHER-daughter of Kal and Tammy Eldaher celebrated her 6th birthday July 29, 2000 with a swim party at her home in Plano. Guests were treated to pizza and a Barbie birthday cake. Everyone had a great time and Hanah received lots of fun and interesting gifts. Hanah's grandparents are Donnie and Peggy Strain of Bogata and Abdalla and Tanan Eldaher of San Antonio. Great grandmother is Lorene Broadfoot of Pomona, California.



Fulbright-Frahlich to wed September 1

Willie and Cheryl Fulbright are proud to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Chandra Lovette Fulbright to Joseph Aaron Frahlich. The couple will recite their vows September 1, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Brooklyn, New York. The bride-elect is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and is employed by the Chiropractic Office

downtown Brooklyn Heights. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fulbright of Fulbright.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Frahlich of Akron, Ohio. He is pursuing his career as an electrician.

Following a honeymoon trip to North Carolina the couple will make their home in Akron, Ohio.

Cemetery donations received

Donations have been made to the Cunningham Restland Cemetery in memory of Lorette Pynes by Silvia Bledsoe, Lou Hatfield.

In memory of Helen Cruise by Lou Hatfield.

In memory of Alma Norwood by Buddie and Virgie Pynes, Velma Cox,

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Untreated foot problems can be more than just a momentary nuisance. They can develop into complicated conditions with serious consequences, so be sure to treat your feet to specialized care. At our office at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC, you'll find we are as concerned as you are about the health of your feet. If you feel suffering because of injury or trauma, skin or nail conditions, or hereditary problems, we invite you to call 784-5585 for an appointment for personalized foot care at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC.

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Recipes wanted at RR Healthcare

Attention! All former residents, residents families, employees and volunteers of Red River Healthcare, your recipes are wanted to go into a special cookbook being compiled by Red River Healthcare. The books will serve as a fund-raiser for the Healthcare's Activity Department.

If you are a former resident, member of a resident's family, employee

or volunteer, please bring your favorite recipes by the Activity Department, mail them to Red River Healthcare, P.O. Box 790, Bogata, Texas 75417 or call Darnell Davis at 632-5479 for more information.

Every recipe will be appreciated and will help earn funds for resident activities at the home.

Reception honors Morris couple

Robert Lee and Venita Jo Gibbs Oldfield Morris were honored with a reception on Sunday, August 13 at the Detroit Church of Christ fellowship room.

Among the many friends and relatives attending from out of town were Kathleen Staford, Anna Marie Bailey Zeigler, Dorris O'Donnell, Alma Lee Phillips, Shawn and Karen Bryans, Irene Davis Threadgill of Paris, John and Donna Gray of Reno, Carol Bybee of Blossom, Lavyn Sisco and R.C. Cates of Sulphur Springs, Mary Ann Williams of Bogata, Kenneth and Shirley Henderson of Clarksville,

Debbie Alvarado of Plano, James and Lisa Floyd, Lauren and Austin of Houston, Bryan and Jana Tinsley, Paul, Mark and Benjamin of Van Alstyne, David and Jo Marie Feike, Daniel and Kimberly of Krum.

Hostesses for the reception were daughters, Debbie Alvarado, Lisa Floyd, Jana Tinsley and Jo Marie Feike and Lovice Preston and Brenda Flemign of Paris.

The couple was married Friday, July 28 in the Morris home in Ft. Worth and is making their home in the Midway Community Detroit.

Seay Reunion to be held

The descendants of James A. Seay and Almedia L. Hoper Seay will have their annual reunion on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000 at the Dimple Community Center. All family and friends are invited to come, bring a covered dish and enjoy a good time and good fellowship.

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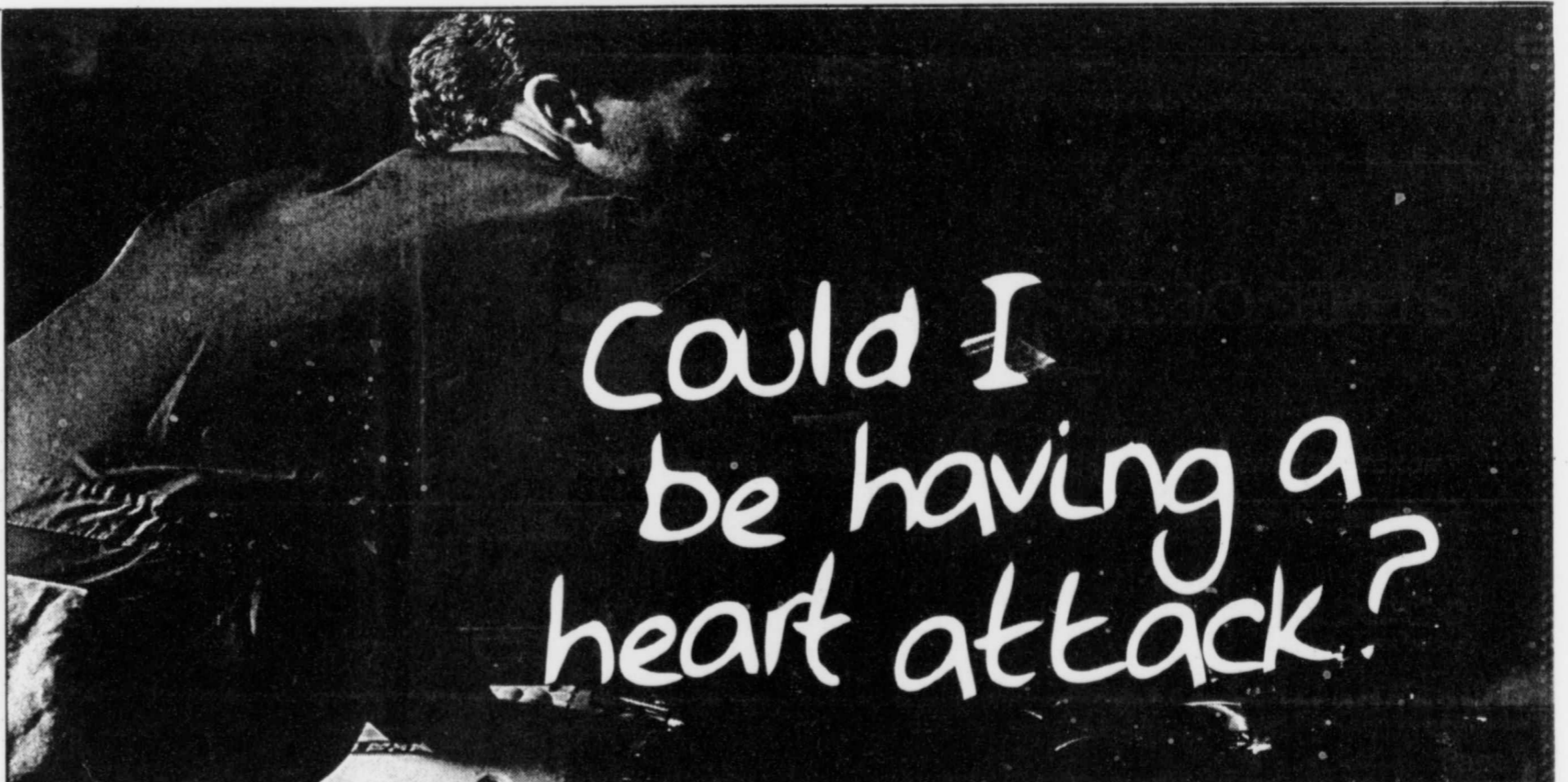
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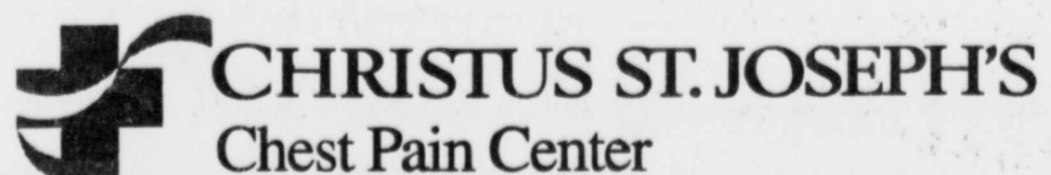


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Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
 652-6051

Preston and Marla Crump visited his brother-in-law, Charlie and Glenda Mills of Wills Point. Charlie is recovering from heart bypass surgery. While there, their son, Charles and Amanda Crump of Garland came for a visit.

Betty Rodgers visited her long time friend, Faye and Gene Hawthorne in Powderly on Saturday.

Mrs. Kyle King of Paris was a visitor Wednesday of Jimmie King. Saturday visitors were her sons, Dick and Duane King.

Rusty and Mel Beaty returned Sunday from Lake Texoma where they spent several days.

Jimmie King attended an 84 party Thursday in Bogata at the home of Jettie Bond.

Betty Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga had lunch in Paris Monday. Sunday night, Melissa, Gilbert and Betty ate at Furr's and then Betty and Melissa went out to Tigertown and visited Monte Rodgers.



Stringfellow twins celebrate 7th birthday

Joshua and Jacob Stringfellow were honored by their parents, Joe and Misty Stringfellow, with a swimming party at their home in Paris on Sunday, August 12, 2000 for their 7th birthdays.

Guests attending and helping the boys celebrate were: brothers, Tyler, Darren and Brent Higgins, cousins, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, friends, Chandie Cole, Colt Moore, Josh Elder, Kenny, Megan and Lauren Wall, Zak and Kegan Jackson, Mallory, Kaitlin and Jacob Kreie.

Also attending were grandparents, Don and Faye Huff; great grandmother, Dixie Stringfellow, Uncle Billy and Aunt Kathy Stringfellow, friends, Melanie Moore, Cindy Cole, Sally Kreie, Frankie and Cathy Boothman. Sending gifts but unable to attend was grandfather, Jimmy Stringfellow and Aunt Vickie and Uncle Dan Tabb.

Everyone had a wonderful time and the boys received many nice gifts.

Talco-Bogata-RHS school menu Aug. 21-25

Monday

Breakfast
 Cereal
 cinni toast
 juice & milk
Lunch
 Corn dogs
 macaroni & cheese
 peas
 applesauce
 crackers
 milk

Tuesday

Breakfast
 Pancakes w/syrup
 cereal
 juice & milk
Lunch
 Chicken & spaghetti
 salad
 corn
 brownies
 crackers
 milk

Wednesday

Breakfast
 Sausage & biscuit
 jelly & butter
 juice & milk
Lunch
 Pinto beans/ham
 fried okra
 diced potatoes
 cornbread
 ice cream
 milk

Thursday

Breakfast
 Cinnamon rolls
 peanut butter w/graham crackers
 juice & milk
Lunch
 Chicken nuggets w/gravy
 green beans
 cream potatoes
 rolls
 milk

Friday

Breakfast
 Cereal
 toast
 juice & milk
Lunch
 Hamburgers
 seasoned beans
 salad
 chips
 ice cream
 milk

Volunteers needed

Red River Healthcare activity department is looking for volunteers!

If you know of a band or group who would like to come play and sing for the residents please call or come by the Healthcare center. Anyone interested in playing the piano one or two days a week for our Rhythm Band is asked to please call Darnell Davis at 632-5479.

Church adult and youth groups interested in providing a program are also encouraged to call and set up a time to visit. Please help us provide activities and entertainment for the residents of Red River Healthcare. You will be glad you did!

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RHS Band Boosters

to sponsor Open House Aug. 17

Everyone is invited to "Open House" at the Rivercrest Band Hall on Thursday, August 17, 2000 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The event is being sponsored by the Rivercrest Band Booster Organi-

zation. The group will begin plans for the coming year and all parents, guardians and interested persons are urged to attend. For more information contact Band Director, Clayton Taylor at Rivercrest High School, 632-5204.

Red River County Sheriff's Report

August 6-12

August 6: Report of suspicious circumstances in Avery; male arrested on possession of controlled substance; Game Warden and area fire departments responded to grass fire on FM412; male arrested on offense of assault.

August 7: Male arrested on view on offense of attempt to manufacture or deliver substance in Pen Group 1 more than four grams, less than 200; activated alarm in Detroit; one female inmate transported to Fannin County; female arrested on warrant, failure to appear for 60 day court commit; report of 911 abuse in Avery area; inmate transported to county jail on offense of driving while intoxicated; report of burglary of building in Johnstown area; report of assault on FM195; male arrested on warrant failure to appear/driving while intoxicated; inmate transported to county jail on offense of possession of marijuana and assault on public servant; criminal trespass in Bagwell; female arrested on offense of criminal trespass; one arrested on Bowie County warrant; report of suspicious vehicle on FM1487.

August 8: Inmate transported to Hunt County to catch TDCJ bus; inmate released to California extradition services; activated alarm in Detroit; report of 911 abuse in Bagwell; reckless driving in Detroit; one arrested on issuance of bad checks x 5; burglary of habitation on FM1159; report of disturbance in English; disturbance in Woodland; report of harassment in Bogata.

August 9: Activated alarm in Detroit area; inmate transported to

county jail on offense of forgery; minor accident on FM1699; inmate transported to county jail on unlawful carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana; male arrested on offense of possession of drug paraphernalia; family violence on CR1412; report of elderly abuse in Bogata; report of suspicious vehicle.

August 10: Animal complaint on Hwy. 82 east; three inmates transported to Bowie County for housing; report of suspicious person in Detroit; welfare concern in English; reckless driver in Bogata area; assault in Detroit; request of assistance from Medic 50.

August 11: Three males arrested on possession of marijuana under 2 ounces; Bowie County transported two inmates to Red River County for housing and picked up two for transport; report of theft in Bogata area; disturbance in Detroit; report of deceptive business practice; male arrested on issuance of bad check warrant; inmate transported to county jail on offense of evading arrest or detention; male arrested on burglary of building, criminal mischief, burglary of a building, failure to appear, deadly conduct, public intoxication, consumption of alcohol by a minor, possession of alcohol by a minor.

August 12: Juvenile complaint in Bogata; report of hay fire on FM911 south; report of hay fire on 911 south; report of suspicious person on CR2353; family disturbance on FM1701; family disturbance on CR1699.

Red River County Jail currently holds 60 inmates.



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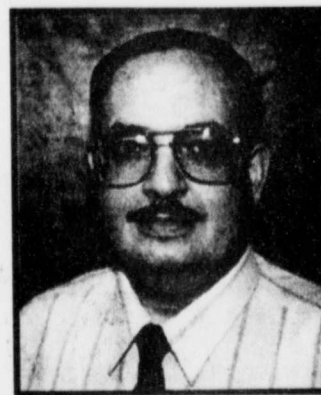
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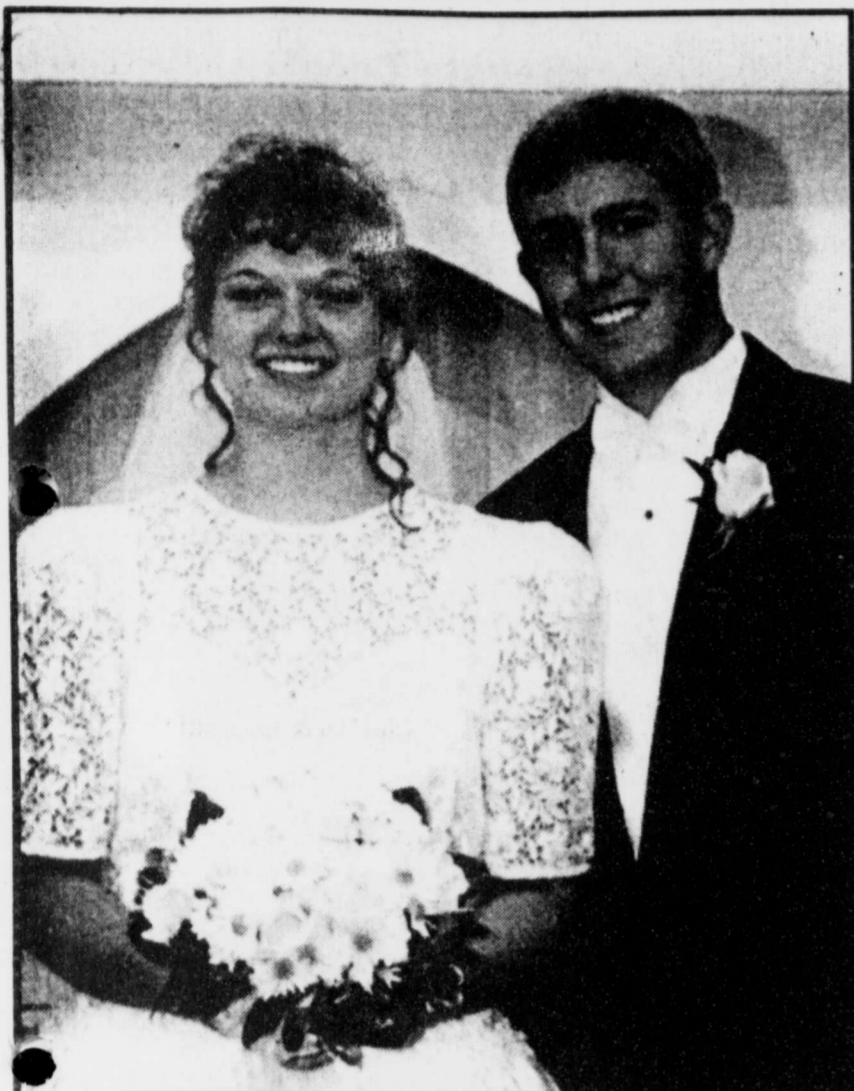
Dr. Purghol completed his internship at Michigan State University/Hurley Medical Center, Flint Michigan, and residency training in neurology at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas. He earned his medical degree from the University of Damascus Medical School, Damascus, Syria, and is Board Eligible in the specialty of neurology. Dr. Purghol is associated with Dr. Peter Edenhoffer.

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Golden-Bergman united in marriage

Anna Rose Golden and Nathan Wade Bergman were united in marriage on Saturday, July 22, 2000 at First Baptist Church, Williston, North Dakota. The bride is the daughter of Garvon and Cindy Golden of Sturgis, South Dakota. Her grandparents are Raymond and Lou Ada Franklin of Bogata, Texas and Davis and Virginia Golden of Bonham, Texas. The groom is the son of John and Kim Bergman of Williston, North

Dakota. He is the grandson of Fred and Betty Bergman of Williston and Mary Lou Christl of Fargo, North Dakota. The bride is a student at Williston State College and is employed by Integrated Services and Wal Mart. The groom, also a student at Williston State College, is employed by Select Inn and Wal-Mart. After a wedding trip to Regina, Saskatchewan, the couple returned to their home in Williston.

People 'n Things

Third Tuesday of each month
Bogata Lions Club sponsors Bingo at Red River Healthcare Center. Lions Club members should volunteer to help when they can.

Third Tuesday of each month
Free commodities are distributed on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bogata.

First Mondays
NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Consumers meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church located at 4th and Madison in Mt. Pleasant, Tx. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Tuesdays
BAM! (Bogata Area Moms) play group for stay-at-home moms and children will meet weekly beginning in September. All interested should call Kelly at 632-4493.

Bogata Public Library/Museum
The Bogata Public Library/Museum is open each Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and each Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. A library card is available to all citizens of Bogata and the surrounding area. Come by and enjoy the Museum and check out a good book for your reading pleasure.

August 17
The Rivercrest Band Booster Organization will sponsor "Open House" Thursday, August 17, 2000 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

August 18
The Johntown Opry will be held August 18, 2000 at the old Dodd Store located on Hwy. 271 S. in Johntown. Guest will enjoy gospel, country and blue grass music. All pickers and singers are invited to come out and perform as well as those who just want to listen to music performed by local talent. There is no charge but donations will be appreciated. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

August 21
The Talco School PTO will meet on Monday, August 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The upcoming Fall Festival will be discussed and plans made. All parents and guardian are invited and urged to attend and be a part of providing activities for Talco students while earning funds which provide necessary items for the

Johntown MBC ladies auxiliary meets

Thirteen members of the Ladies Auxiliary of Johntown Missionary Baptist Church had their regular monthly meeting last Sunday night at 5:30 p.m.

The following ladies attended the meeting: Johan Turpin, Lee Hood, Joyce Cox, Billie Pirtle, Robbie Hawkins, Clara Gaddis, Kathy Hawkins, Carrol Riggs, Gwendelon Bowen, Jana Hawkins, Heather Hawkins, Haley Hawkins and Koren Hawkins. Lee Hood opened the meeting with prayer.

The current officers were re-elected for the new year. The ladies have published a new cookbook and the books are available for sale at a price of \$8 each. Contact any member of the Auxiliary if you are interested in one of the cookbooks.

Clara Gaddis closed the meeting with prayer.

Skeet shoot is August 19

The Pioneer Turkey Chapter of Northeast Texas will host a skeet shoot on Saturday, August 19 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., 3/4 miles south of Clarksville on FM910.

Clay targets will be thrown by the NWTFS Skeet Trailer. No alcohol is allowed, hot dogs

and cokes will be available. Cost is \$3.00 per round, gun round at 1:30 p.m.

Proceeds will be used for the chapter's 2nd "Jake's Day".

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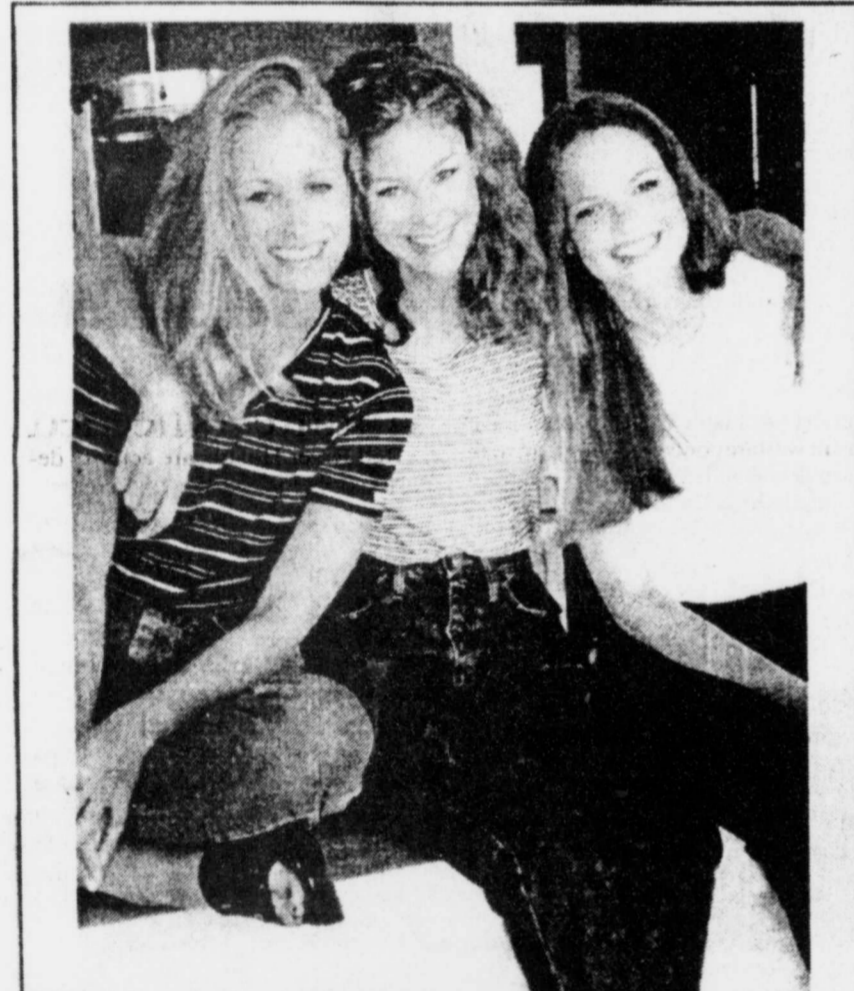
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Heartland Cable. The lessons presented will be as follows: August 17, "Bible Baptism Part I" August 24, "Bible Baptism Part II" August 31, "Temptation" Everyone is invited to view these programs and share in the blessings from the words of God.

Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown
Call in Your News To
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Patsy Smith and Melanie and Vickie Craig enjoyed shopping and lunch at El Chico's in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Letha Ann Sanders is home following a recent hospital stay. She is reported doing better.

Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, Karen Jones and Kari, Malorie Wright and Jesi Navia enjoyed shopping in Texarkana Tuesday.

Nancy Brown and Cassandra Norman enjoyed shopping in Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday. The Talco Bluejays (girls 11 & 12) softball team sponsored co-ed games at Talco Saturday. Eddie Norman and Jeff Brown's team were the winners for the day. Appreciation is expressed to all who participated.

Eddie Brown was honored with a birthday supper at his home in Talco Thursday. Enjoying a Mexican dish supper and birthday cake with him were his wife, Nancy, son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Jennifer Brown of Paris and daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Paul Anderson and grandson, Quinton.



Construction on the Tower of London began in 1078 A.D. In its lifetime, the building has housed a zoo, an observatory, a mint, a prison, a royal palace and the crown jewels.

Happy August Wedding Anniversary to Charles and Brenda Peacock, John and Regina Easley, Kim and Kyle Hatley, Wayne and Jelu Binion and Troy and Shelia Keel.

Jeff Moles has returned home from a recent hospital stay. He is reported doing fair.

Mike Pittman visited with Kim and Paul Anderson Sunday afternoon.

Mary Lou Hall was honored with a birthday party at her home in Talco Tuesday. Attending and enjoying cake and ice cream were: her husband, Roger Hall, Chasity Francis, Camen and Caley of Bogata, Bryan and Susan Jones of Winfield, Jabo and Merry and Nita Robertson of Mt. Pleasant. On Lou's actual birthday, Aug. 10, she was surprised with a birthday cake from Phil Leake. She also received many happy birthday calls from friends and family.

Happy August birthday to Shelia Keel, Alex Savage, Craig Easley, Jackie Thompson and Nola Savage.

Bruce Case and Eddie Brown were in Sulphur Springs on business Monday.

Bogata Locals

Attending the commencement exercises at Texas A & M University Commerce Saturday, August 12, 2000 to see Suzann Holland graduate with her Masters of Education degree were: Michael Tabb, Steve and Bobbie Holland, Dan Tabb, Bob, Dee and Maggie Richardson, Danny Tabb and Judi Maddox. Later in the evening they were joined by Vicki Tabb, Joe and Karla Maddox at Country Joe's to celebrate Suzann's graduation and Bob and Judi's birthdays. Everyone had a nice time visiting, eating and dancing.

Visiting with Ed and Lois Huddleston Saturday were their granddaughters, grandsons-in-law and great granddaughter, Amanda, Jeff and Savannah Baldwin and Annette and Mark Hudson all of Lewisville. Billie Welch of Blossom visited

with Chrystine Baker Saturday. They enjoyed spending the day looking at old photos and as Chrystine says, staying under the AC.

Recent visitors with Dixie Stringfellow were Vicki Tabb, Dee and Maggie Richardson, Billy, Kathy and Kellen Stringfellow, Buddy Stringfellow, Beverly Siler and Edna Earl Dodd.

David, Sandra, Lauren and Alison Mauldin traveled to Dallas Friday to attend a Dixie Chick concert. Accompanying them was Ashley Hines of Detroit. They also enjoyed eating at Razzo's. All report a wonderful time.

Happy August Wedding Anniversary to John and Regina Easley.

Visiting Lorene Bogie Friday was Dixie Stringfellow.

Dora Flenniken received a call Sunday from her cousin, Albert Hobert, it had been 74 years since they had been in contact. Albert is the son of former Cunningham resident, Marv and Maye Hobert.

He now resides in Bakersfield, California.

Albert's mother and Dora's mother were sisters.

Dora really was excited to receive this call and re-establish contact after so many years.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Topping were James A. and Johnnie Watts of Rockwall and Judy Screws.

Mike Screws visited Saturday with Donald, Judy and Tana Screws.

Donald, Judy and Tana had breakfast in Paris Saturday and went shopping.

New marker to be dedicated

The public is invited to the dedication of a new Texas Historical Marker celebrating the contribution of Jesse B. Bowman, defender of the Alamo, to the heritage of Texas.

Bowman, a descendant of the marker honoree.

The ceremony will take place Saturday, August 26 at 1 p.m. at the Sam Houston Park north of Clarksville.

Red River Healthcare News

Visiting residents at Red River Healthcare this past week were;

Resident, Gladys Tucker-Donnie Tucker, Nelda and Clifton Tucker, Erica and Ethan.

Resident, Nina Hudson-Nita Simmons and Scooter, Inez Gill, James and Joyce Ward.

Resident, Geraldine Ogg-Lucille Pettit, Nita Simmons and Scooter, Breanna Genung, Gerry Genung, James and Joyce Ward.

Resident, Hugh Forrester-James and Joyce Ward.

Resident, Dorothy Watkins-Milton and Virginia Alexander.

Resident, Ada Holmes-Maudie Lee and Ruth Lee.

Resident, Dorothy Green-Charlene Knowles and Orene Norris.

Resident, Norman Sain-Charlene Knowles and Orene Norris.

Resident, Alice Craig-Roberta Scally and Leonard, Inez Gill.

Resident, Myrtle Singleton-Inez Gill.

Resident, Beulah Pierce-Inez Gill.

Resident, Mamie Kennedy-Robert and Kay Kennedy.

Resident, Percy Topping-Lynn Murphy, Alice Martin, Nita Simmons and Scooter and Lucille Pettit.

Resident, Pauline Alsbrook-Sue Martin, Tabitha and Vanessa Henry and Mary Ann Williams.

Resident, Marie Legate-Mary Ann Williams.

Resident, Ona Fincher-Wilma Eason and Mary Ann Williams.

Resident, Billie Hancock-Mary Ann Williams.

Resident, Fred Mead-Betty Whitter and Nelda Whitter.

Resident, Aubrey Herring-Carron Herring, Polly Harrison, Frank Herring, Lou Ada Franklin and daughter.

Resident, George Hancock-Carron Herring.

Resident, Lynn Kerley-Carron Herring.

Resident, Bonnie Gamble-Carron Herring.

Resident, Melvin Pointer-Daphne Pointer, Curly and Trillus Hudson.

Resident, Mary Duke-Laverne Griffin.

Resident, Inez Henson-Richard Swarts.

Resident, Ann Cody-Janette and Jerry Brooks, Jennifer Brooks and Doug Sako.

Resident, Shelia Gibson-Inez Gill.

Resident, Lucy Jenkins-James Jenkins.

Resident, Georgia Miller-Dorothy and Odell Skaggs and Paul Miller.

Resident, Gladys Sykes-Billie Lindsey.

Resident, Stasha Hume-Ina Ward.

Resident, Leonard Fuller-Jimmy and Ruth Hurt.

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JOHNTOWN LOCALS

By *Jana Hawkins*
632-5042

Tyler and Kelsey Jean, children of Dale and Dawn Jean celebrated their second birthday at their MamMaw and PaPaw's, Calvin and Myra Permenters. Those attending were Vance and Noah Pirtle of Daingerfield, Dana Neeley, Ryan, Darla, Holly and Allix Brunson, Donald, Freda and Sarah Jean, Dana Neeley, Kala Neeley, Hughes Springs, Mark, Jana, Hana, Heather and Haley Hawkins, Jimmy, Lisa, Amber, Brandy and E.J. Via. Brisket and trimmings were served with banana cake. Lots of gifts were received and everyone enjoyed a trailer ride through the country.

Dana Neeley and Sherry Huddleston enjoyed going to TaMolly's and to the movie Monday night.

Visitors over the weekend with Gene and Lydia Hawkins were their daughter, Kay Magee of Texas City, Tx., Kristin Ward and sons, Colton and Kyle of Spring, Tx. and Sheridan Magee of Boise, Idaho. Other visitors were Dr. and Mrs. E.L. Miller of Talco.

Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins enjoyed shopping and eating at Hunan's in Mt. Pleasant on Monday night. They were birthday shopping for husband and father, Mark.

Wednesday night Robbie Hawkins, Steven, Kathy, Seth and Seton Hawkins, Jana and Hana Hawkins enjoyed eating at El Chico's following church services.

Saturday, Jana, Hana, Haley and Heather Hawkins and Pauline Gibbs enjoyed eating at the China Star Restaurant and shopping in Paris.

Mark and Jana Hawkins enjoyed celebrating his birthday at the Fish Fry on Friday night. Their children, Haley, Heather and Hana enjoyed visiting with Steven and Kathy Hawkins and family that evening.

Mark, Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins, Aaron, Erin and Chris Eudy all enjoyed dinner with Adam, Tracey, Joshua and Aaron Eudy Sunday evening. A steak and shrimp supper was served and all enjoyed the meal and visiting.

Sunday lunch guests in the home of Robbie Hawkins were Jana, Hana, Haley and Heather Hawkins, Steven, Kathy, Koren, Ryan, Seth and Seton Hawkins, Dale, Tyler and Kelsey Jean, Calvin and Myra Permenter. Robbie served chicken fried steak with all the trimmings and homemade rolls.

Hana Hawkins has had a great time over the weekend getting to know and play with Tyler and Kelsey Jean of Austin. The twins parents are Dale and Dawn Jean.

Comptroller says early signs indicate successful sales tax holiday

Texas' second annual sales tax holiday appears to have been even more successful than last year, Texas Comptroller Carole Keaton Rylander said.

Judging by media accounts and an informal survey of shopping mall managers, families across Texas headed for malls and department stores in droves to stock up on back to school clothes for the kids, and clothes for mom and dad, too.

At stores offering layaway plans, shoppers responded positively to an administrative change Comptroller Rylander made this year; eligible items placed in layaway during the sales tax holiday can be taken out

later without having to pay sales tax.

Comptroller Rylander predicted shoppers would save at least \$34 million in state and local sales taxes during the three day shopping spree.

Many retailers who were caught off guard last year by shopper's response to the sales tax holiday were better prepared this year, stocking more merchandise and adding staff.

Shoppers said they were more aware of the sales tax holiday this year and more familiar with the list of tax exempt items. They said they had postponed back to school shopping to take advantage of the sales tax holiday, just what Comptroller Rylander likes to hear.

Prepared for disaster? What about your animals?

Whether it's a hurricane, flood, wildfire or other natural or man-made disaster, an animal evacuation plan can make the difference between life, death or tremendous suffering for pets and livestock.

Texas Emergency Response Team quickly recognized the need to address animal evacuation in disasters, particularly after Texas' devastating October 1998 flood in which more than 23,000 head of cattle drowned. Another 400 head of hogs, sheep, equine and poultry also were killed in the violent storm that struck 21 counties in south central Texas.

Most shelters will not accept pets, so it's important to know ahead of time where animals can be housed. No one wants to leave their pets, horses or other stock to drown, burn or suffer in a natural or man made disaster. Establish a relationship with animal housing facilities outside your area before a crisis and keep phone numbers and addresses handy.

An emergency evacuation kit for animals should be maintained in an easily accessible place. Keep an adequate supply of clean water and food, collars or bridles, leashes or leads, medicines and health records, including proof of rabies vaccinations or for equine, test documents for EIA or Coggins. If animals are evacuated, owners should carry several photos of their animals to aid in

identification, as pets may be shuffled from one site to another during a chaotic situation.

Livestock or pet food supplies may be limited after disaster hits, so make certain your emergency kit has plenty. If you have large animals, such as horses or other livestock, plan an evacuation route. Leave early and allow time for hauling. Don't wait until roads become congested or impassible, as this will stress the animals.

A number of livestock markets and fairgrounds have agreed to serve as holding sites during an emergency. Despite all the planning, they still have to deal with strays, displaced and dead animals after a disaster situation. TERT can assist with identification, restraint and capture of animals and disposing of carcasses to protect public health.

Besides knowing how and where to move animals in a disaster, be aware of and report potential signs of a foreign animal disease.

In addition to its huge pet population, Texas ranks tops for the enation in the production of cattle, sheep and goats, horses and exotic hoofstock. The state ranks sixth for poultry production and 19th for swine. With billions of dollars, millions of animals and thousands of industry jobs on the line, it pays to be prepared to fight disasters, disease and pests.

RWNT meets

The Republican Women of Northeast Texas met Monday, July 24 at the home of Sue Evenwel of Mt. Pleasant with 24 members and four guests attending.

President Maxine Patton called the meeting to order. Cynthia Hanking gave the invocation. Rosemary Evetts gave a short quiz on flag facts before leading in the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Sandy Bridges, Regional Deputy-President of the Texas Federation of Republican Women over regions 1, 2 and 3 was guest speaker. She provided handouts, organizational charts, information on all the special committees of the TFRW, public relations information, the policy for counting campaign hours. She reported that Legislative Day will be March 22, 2001.

Sue Evenwel reported some fallout for the Boy Scouts of Rhode Island due to their stand with regard to the homosexual issue. United Way has refused funds for them in that area and it apparently is moving across the states.

The next RWNT meeting will be August 28 at the home of Mary Ellen Lawrence in Pittsburg.



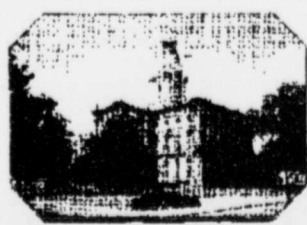
A WELCOME-is extended to Coach Derek Bowman and family. Coach Bowman will be teaching physical education at Talco School in grades 1st through 8th and will coach the junior high boys teams. He is a recent graduate of Stephen F. Austin University and is originally from Henderson, Tx. He and his wife, Gwen, are expecting their first child in October. The couple will make their home in Mt. Pleasant. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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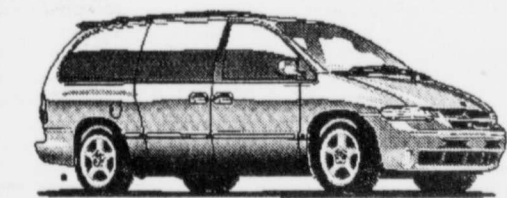
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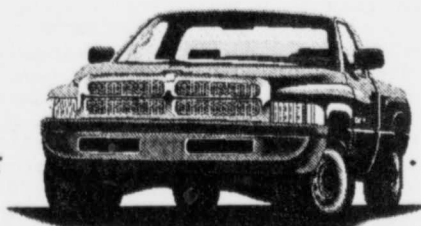
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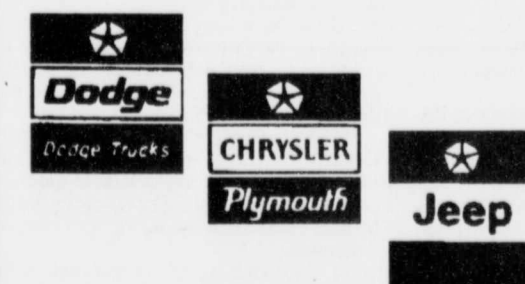
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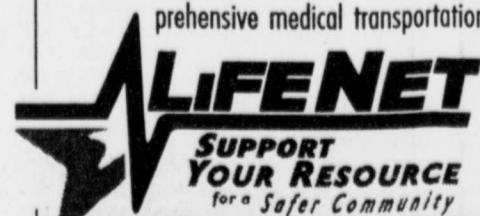


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ORDINANCE NO. 160

An ordinance requiring weeds and grass to be cut upon premises and that rubbish and trash be removed therefrom; fixing a penalty for failure to comply; providing that the same shall be done by the city in the event of such failure; providing for the fixing of a lien upon the property for the expense incurred in removal; declaring that allowing weeds to grow and trash and rubbish to accumulate to be a nuisance; fixing a penalty not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense and a separate offense to be deemed committed for each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith providing a severability clause; declaring an emergency and providing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant or any other person in charge or possession of any premises in the City of Detroit to allow weeds to grow upon the premises, or trash or rubbish to accumulate upon said premises to such an extent as is reasonably calculated to create a fire hazard or calculated to become injurious to the health of the citizens of Detroit, and either act is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance.

SECTION 2: Whenever weeds are allowed to grow, or trash or rubbish allowed to accumulate upon any premises of the City of Detroit as prohibited by this ordinance the City Council shall hear evidence and determine whether or not such accumulation of rubbish and trash or the growth of weeds thereon, or both, are sufficient to constitute a nuisance as herein defined, and if they so find, they shall pass a resolution declaring that the growth of weeds or accumulation of trash and rubbish upon such premises, or both, constitute a public nuisance, and shall order removal by the owner, occupant, lessee or person in charge of such premises, within five (5) days from the date such notice is given.

SECTION 3: In the event the owner of the premises upon which is located a nuisance as prohibited by this ordinance can not be found or served with notice, and there does not appear to be any person of such premises or occupancy, or in the event the nuisance is not abated by cutting the weeds and removing the trash and rubbish or either of them, as the case may be, then said nuisance shall be abated by the City of Detroit, and the expense incurred, which shall include salary and wages of all employees, and reasonable charges for machinery and tools, vehicles, etc., used in abating said nuisance shall be a personal charge against owner of said premises and shall be assessed as a lien against the property on which such nuisance is located and removed therefrom, and shall be due and payable to the City Secretary within thirty (30) days following the date at which such nuisance is abated and failure to pay when due shall cause a ten (10%) percent penalty to be added and same shall bear interest from the date the same is due, at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum.

SECTION 4: Failure to cut weeds and remove trash and rubbish or to do either of them when notified to do so, as set out in this ordinance by any party obligated to do so by this ordinance, shall be punished by a fine in any sum not exceeding two hundred (\$200.00) dollars and each day that such nuisance shall continue after the time for abatement as set out shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5: Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of the Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, despite the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion would be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6: Conflict. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in force in the City of Detroit, Texas, which conflict with the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict with this ordinance, but all other portions of said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. The fact that the present ordinances and regulations of the City of Detroit, Texas are inadequate to properly safeguard the health, safety, morals, peace and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Detroit, Texas, creates an emergency for the immediate preservation of the public business, property, health, safety and general welfare of the public which requires that this ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of its passage and it is accordingly so ordered.
 PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of August, 2000.
 Margaret Missildine, Mayor
 City of Detroit, Texas
 Kim Maynard, City Secretary 8-17

ORDINANCE NO. 161
 An ordinance of the City of Detroit, Texas declaring that a public nuisance for dangerous and unsafe buildings to be maintained in the City of Detroit; providing for notice and procedures for removal of all dangerous and

unsafe buildings; providing for enforcement; providing for the cost of removal to be assessed against the owner; providing for a privileged lien to be placed on the property; fixing a penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense and a separate offense to be deemed committed for each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues; repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith providing a severability clause; declaring an emergency and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, dilapidated buildings and structures within the City of Detroit creates a health threat and a fire hazard contrary to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, dilapidated buildings and structures are an attractive nuisance enticing children to play upon the premises and therefore poses a high risk of bodily injury due to the unsafe condition; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial likelihood of property damage or injury to health or body if a dilapidated building or structure is not abated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, TEXAS:

- Section:
- 101 Definitions
 - 102 Summary Abatement
 - 103 Abatement in Other Cases, Notice, etc.
 - 104 Abatement by Owner
 - 105 Appeal Procedures; Hearing
 - 106 Abatement by City
 - 107 Notice of Assessment; Appeal of Charges
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 - 110 Overhead Charge; Civil Penalties
 - 111 Severability
 - 112 Conflict
 - 113 Misdemeanor for Violation
 - 114 Effective Date

SECTION 101. Definitions.

(a) Abatement means the removal, stoppage, prostration or destruction of that which causes or constitutes a nuisance, whether by breaking or pulling it down, or otherwise destroying or effacing it.

(b) Owner means the owner of record based on the County Tax Assessor's record or any person with legal, financial or equitable interest in the property on which the alleged public nuisance exists at the time of the violation.

(c) Property means any real property, premises, structure or location on which a public nuisance is alleged to exist.

(d) Public nuisance means any fence, wall, shed, deck, house, garage, building, structure or any part of any of the aforesaid; or any tree, pole, smokstack; or any excavation, hole, pit, basement, cellar, sidewalk, subspace, dock, loading dock; or any lot, land, yard, premises or location which in its entirety, or in any part thereof, by reason of the condition in which the same is found or permitted to be or remain, shall or may endanger the health, safety, life, limb or property, or cause any hurt, harm, inconvenience, discomfort, damage or injury to any one or more individuals in the City, in any one or more of the following particulars:

- (1) By reason of being a menace, threat and/or hazard to the general health and safety of the community.
- (2) By reason of being a fire hazard.
- (3) By reason of being unsafe for occupancy, or use on, in, upon, about or around the aforesaid property.
- (4) By reason of lack of sufficient or adequate maintenance of the property, and/or being vacant, any of which depreciates the enjoyment and use of the property in the immediate vicinity to such an extent that it is harmful to the community in which such property is situated or such condition exists.

(e) Summary abatement means abatement of the nuisance by the City, or a contractor employed by the City, by removal, repair, or other acts without notice to the owner, agent, or occupant of the property except for the notice required by this Ordinance.

SECTION 102. (a) Whenever a complaint is made to the City of the existence of a public nuisance, as defined in Section 101, the Mayor shall promptly cause to be inspected the property on which it is alleged that such public nuisance exists. Should the Mayor find that a public nuisance exists, and that the public health, safety or welfare may be in immediate danger, then summary abatement procedures shall be implemented and the City may cause the nuisance to be removed or abated. The Mayor may notify the Building Inspector if the public nuisance involves a building that appears structurally unsafe. The Building Inspector, upon being notified by the Mayor shall cause the building on which it is alleged such public nuisance exists to be inspected and submit a written report of such inspection and the findings to the Mayor.

(b) When summary abatement is authorized, notice to the owner, agent or occupant of the property is not required. Following summary abatement, the Mayor shall cause to be posted on the property liable for the abatement a notice describing the action taken to abate the nuisance.

SECTION 103. Abatement in Other Cases; Notice, etc. (a) If, after inspecting the property on which the nuisance is reported, the Mayor declares the existence of a public nuisance, but the nature thereof is not such as to require the

summary abatement of such nuisance, then, regular abatement procedures shall be followed. Photographs and reports of the findings and inspections shall be made and filed with the City.

(b) The Mayor shall determine the individual, firm or corporation who, from the records in the Recorder's office, appears to be the titled owner of the aforesaid property and immediately cause a written notice to be served on such individual, firm or corporation by personal service or by leaving a copy of the notice at the usual place of residence or business of such owner, or address of such owner shown in the County Tax Assessor's records, or by copy mailed to such owner at such place or address by United States certified mail return receipt. If service of such written notice is unable to be perfected by any of the methods described above, the Mayor shall cause a copy of the aforesaid notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, once a week for two consecutive weeks, and shall further cause a copy of the aforesaid notice to be left with the individual, if any, in possession of such property on which it is alleged such public nuisance exists, or if there is no individual in possession thereof, the Mayor shall cause a copy of the notice to be posted at such structure, location or premises. The Mayor shall also determine from the County Clerk's office who the lienholder of the property, if any, as docketed therein, is and cause a written notice to be served on such lienholder by United States mail return receipt.

(c) The aforesaid notice to the owner, and lienholder, if any, of the property shall state clearly and concisely the findings of the Mayor with respect to the existence of a public nuisance. The notice shall further state that unless the owner thereof shall cause the abatement of the public nuisance, pursuant to the orders contained in the Mayor's notice, the public nuisance shall be abated by the City at the expense of the owner.

(d) Any person who is the record owner of the premises, location or structure at the time an order pursuant to this Ordinance is used and served upon him, shall be responsible for complying with that order, and liable for any costs incurred by the City therewith, notwithstanding the fact that he conveys his interests in the property to another after such order was issued and served.

(e) It shall not be a defense to the determination that a public nuisance exists that the property is boarded up or otherwise enclosed.

SECTION 104. Abatement by Owner. (a) Within thirty (30) days after the posting and mailing of a notice to abate a nuisance, the owner, agent of the owner, or individual in possession of the affected property shall remove and abate such nuisance or show that no nuisance in fact exists. Such showing shall be made by filing a written statement that no nuisance exists. The statement shall be filed with the City.

(b) The Mayor, upon written application by the owner within the thirty (30) day period after the notice has been served, may grant additional time for the owner to effect the abatement of the public nuisance, provided that such extension is limited to a specific time period.

SECTION 105. Appeal Procedures; Hearing. (a) The owner or occupant of the property who has been served with a notice pursuant to this Ordinance that a public nuisance exists and that it must be abated within thirty (30) days, may, within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of such notice, make a written demand of the City for a hearing on the question of whether a public nuisance in fact exists. The hearing shall be held within seven (7) calendar days following receipt by the City of the written demand and at least two (2) days' notice of the hearing shall be given to the individual who made the written demand for the hearing.

(b) The hearing shall be conducted by the City Council. The City Council may amend or modify the notice and/or order, or extend the time for compliance with the Mayor's order by the owner by such a date as the majority of the Council may determine.

(c) The owner, agent of the owner, occupant or lienholder, if any, of the subject property shall be given the opportunity to present evidence to the City Council in the course of the hearing.

(d) In those instances where the nuisance has been abated by the City, the City Council shall have the discretion to waive the cost of abating a nuisance, in whole or in part, if, in the course of the hearing reviewing the decision, the City Council finds that any of the following did not conform to the provisions of this Ordinance:

- (1) The notice to remove the nuisance;
- (2) The work performed in abating the nuisance; or
- (3) The computation of charges.

SECTION 106. Abatement by City. (a) Should any public nuisance not be abated at the expiration of time stated in the notice/order or within such additional time as the City may grant, the City shall have the authority to enter upon the property and abate the public nuisance found thereon. In abating such nuisance, the City may go to whatever extent may be necessary to complete the abatement of the public nuisance and should it be practicable to salvage any material derived in the aforesaid abatement, the City may sell the salvaged material at private or public sale at the best price obtainable and shall keep an accounting of the proceeds thereof.

(b) The proceeds, if any, obtained from the sale of any material salvaged as a result of an abatement of a public nuisance by the City shall be deposited to the General Fund of the City and any deficit between the amount so received and the cost of the abatement may be levied as an assessment against the property in question by

the City Council and collected as any other assessment by the City; however, any other alternative collection method may be utilized by the City to recoup the deficit. Should the proceeds of the sale of such salvaged material exceed the cost of abatement, the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the owner of the property from which the public nuisance was abated when a proper claim to the excess is established.

(c) In abating a public nuisance, the Mayor may call upon any of the City departments or division for whatever assistance shall be deemed necessary or may by private contract cause the abatement of the public nuisance.

(d) The Mayor shall, after completing the removal and abatement, file a statement of costs with the City Secretary.

SECTION 107. Notice of Assessment; Appeal of Charges. (a) Upon receipt of the statement of costs from the Mayor, the City Secretary shall mail to the owner of the property upon which the public nuisance has been abated notice of the amounts set forth in the statement plus an additional amount sufficient to defray the costs of the notice and stating that the City proposes to assess against the property the amount set forth in the notice and that objections to the proposed assessment must be made in writing and received by the City Secretary within twenty (20) days from the date of mailing such notice. Upon the expiration of the twenty (20) day period, if no objections have been received by the City Secretary, the City Secretary shall enter that amount in the City liens docket which shall therefore constitute a lien against the property.

(b) If objections of either the property owner or their representative are received by the City Secretary prior to the expiration of the twenty (20) day period, the City Secretary shall refer the matter to the Mayor for administrative review. (c) Upon conclusion of administrative review, the Mayor shall make a written determination that the amount of the charges shall be canceled, reduced, or remain the same. A copy of this determination shall be furnished to the person making the objections together with a notice of such person's right to appeal to the City Council.

(d) If no appeal of a determination by the Mayor is filed within the time period allowed, a copy of the determination will be furnished to the City Secretary who shall then enter a lien in the amount determined by the Mayor in the City liens docket as provided in subsection (a).

(e) If a timely appeal is received by the City Council, a hearing shall be scheduled and held on the matter. If, after the hearing, the City Council determines that the proposed assessment does not comply with subsection (g) herein, the City Council shall so certify to the City Secretary and the proposed assessment shall be cancelled. If, after the hearing, it is determined that the proposed assessment or any part of it is proper and authorized, the City Council shall so certify to the City Secretary who shall enter a lien in such amount as determined appropriate by the City Council, in the lien docket as provided in subsection (a).

(f) The determination of the City Council is a final decision. (g) (1) The Mayor, in administrative review, or the City Council, on appeal, may reduce or cancel a proposed assessment if it is determined that:

- (i) Any of the following did not conform to the provisions of this Ordinance: (A) The notice to remove the nuisance; or (B) The work performed in abating the nuisance; or
- (C) The computation of charges; or
- (ii) The owner of the property was eligible for a waiver of costs under Section 109.

(2) The Department of Public Health and Safety, in administrative review, or the Appeals Board, on appeal, may reduce a proposed assessment by eliminating the civil penalty portion of the invoice if it is determined that:

- (i) The current owner was not in possession of the property at the time the notice required in Section 103 was posted; or
- (ii) The owner did not receive the notice to remove the nuisance, did not have knowledge of the nuisance and could not, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, have had such knowledge.

(h) If, after a lien has been entered in the docket of City liens, there is a written request of an owner who alleges that the owner did not receive notice of the proposed assessment, the City Secretary shall refer the matter for review pursuant to subsection (b).

(i) The lien may be cancelled or reduced by the Mayor, in administrative review, or the City Council, on appeal, if it is determined that the owner did not receive notice of the proposed assessment, did not previously have knowledge of the lien or of the nuisance abatement work constituting the basis of the lien, could not, in the exercise of reasonable care or diligence, have had such knowledge, and in addition, that the circumstances are such that a reduction or cancellation of the charges would have been appropriate had the matter been reviewed pursuant to this Section prior to assessment. Upon receipt of a certification from the City Council, pursuant to subsection (e), the City Secretary shall cancel or reduce the lien if required by the determination of the Mayor and/or City Council.

SECTION 108. Personal Liability of Owner. The person who is the owner of the property at the time at which the notice required under Section 103 of this Ordinance is posted shall be personally liable for the amount of the assess-

ment including all interest, civil penalties and other charges.

SECTION 109. Cost of Abatement; Low Income; Elderly Persons. (a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Ordinance, the cost of abating a nuisance shall be waived for low income and elderly persons, if upon application it appears to the Mayor that the conditions set forth in subsection (b) are met.

(b) To be eligible for waiver of nuisance abatement costs a person must be classified as "low income" as defined by the U.S. Department of Welfare, or

- (c) Be more than 65 years of age and: (1) A person living alone, whose total income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed one and one-half (1-1/2) times the maximum amount a Social Security recipient at age 65 may have earned in that year without having any benefits withheld or
- (2) The head of a household which household received a total income for the preceding calendar year that did not exceed two and one-quarter (2-1/4) times the maximum amount a Social Security recipient at age 65 may have earned in that year without having any benefits withheld.

(d) Additionally, all persons wishing to qualify for waiver of nuisance abatement costs must:

- (1) Furnish proof of the age and/or income requirements set forth above in the manner and form designated by the Mayor;
- (2) Must own, or be in the process of purchasing the property from which the nuisance is abated; and
- (3) Be living on the property from which the nuisance is abated.

(e) The removal of the nuisance in question must have been required by the Mayor and the person requesting the waiver of costs must have been officially notified by the City to remove the nuisance.

(f) Applications for waiver of nuisance abatement costs shall be filed with the City Secretary, on forms supplied by the City, within ten (10) days after receipt of a notice to remove a nuisance or a work order notice unless the Mayor extends the time for good cause shown. All information required to be given on such forms shall be supplied and verified by the applicant.

(g) The maximum amount that may be waived under this Section for any one parcel of real property or any one person shall be five hundred dollars (\$500) per calendar year.

(h) No overhead charge or civil penalty shall be imposed for any real property for which a waiver, pursuant to this Section, shall have been approved.

SECTION 110. Overhead Charge, Civil Penalties. (a) Whenever a nuisance is abated by the City, the Mayor shall keep an accurate account of all expenses incurred, including an overhead charge of twenty-five percent (25%) for administration a civil penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each nuisance abated.

(b) When the City has abated a nuisance maintained by any owner of real property, for each subsequent nuisance that is abated by the City within two (2) consecutive calendar years concerning real property, owned by the same person, an additional civil penalty of fifty percent (50%), minimum of fifty dollars (\$50), of the cost of abatement penalties provided for in subsection (a). The civil penalty shall be imposed without regard to whether the nuisances abated by the City involve the same real property or are of the same character.

SECTION 111. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of the Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, despite the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion would be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 112. Conflict. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in force in the City of Detroit, Texas, which conflict with the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict with this ordinance, but all other portions of said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 113. Misdemeanor for Violation. Any person permitting the existence of a public nuisance or violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION 114. Effective Date. The fact that the present ordinances and regulations of the City of Detroit, Texas are inadequate to properly safeguard the health, safety, morals, peace and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Detroit, Texas, creates an emergency for the immediate preservation of the public business, property, health, safety and general welfare of the public which requires that this ordinance shall

become effective from and after the date of its passage and it is accordingly so ordered.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of August, 2000.
 Margaret Missildine, Mayor
 8-17

THE DETROIT INDEPENDENT School District is posting the following position available immediately for transportation and maintenance coordinator. Applicants may pick up an application or receive further information on salary and/or requirements, by calling 903-674-6131. The deadline for submitting applications will be August 28, 2000 at 12:00 noon. The Detroit ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment. 8-17

THE CITY OF TALCO will hold a public meeting at the Talco City Hall on August 22, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the final plans of the Drought Contingency Plan that is required by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Committee. This plan will be used in cases of drought or water production emergencies. More information can be obtained concerning this meeting by calling 903-379-3731. 8-17

ORDINANCE NO. 00-15
 An ordinance prohibiting operation of commercial trucks on city streets in residential areas and restricting parking in residential areas within the City Limits of the DCity of Bogata, Texas; prescribing a penalty for violation hereof; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for an effective date of September 16, 2000, and providing for a savings clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOGATA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, access, drive upon, or use any truck tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, bus, or any commercial motor vehicle with a rated capacity of one and one-half tons, or greater, on residential streets within the city limits in the City of Bogata, Texas.

This section shall not apply to the following named roadways within the city limits of Bogata, Texas:
 Texas State Highway 37; U.S. Highway 271; Business Route 271; Gable Street; Mt. Vernon Drive; Halesboro Street; Clarksville Street; Texas Farm To Market Road 909.

This section shall not apply to truck tractor if the trailer is disconnected and the owner/operator is in route to their residence and the vehicle is parked on private property.

This section shall not apply of the vehicle is in route to a commercial destination as described and defined in Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave, park or stand any truck tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, bus or any commercial motor vehicle with a rated capacity of one and one-half tons, or greater, on residential streets within the city limits in the City of Bogata, Texas.

This section shall not prevent the parking or standing of the above described vehicles in such areas for the purpose of expeditiously loading and unloading of passengers, freight or merchandise; and provided this section shall not apply to street construction, maintenance and repair equipment, trucks, trailers and vehicles used by public service utility companies engaged in repairing or extending public utilities; and motor buses when taking on or discharging passengers at customary bus stops.

This ordinance does not negate, alter, or change any currently existing posted "NO PARKING ZONES."

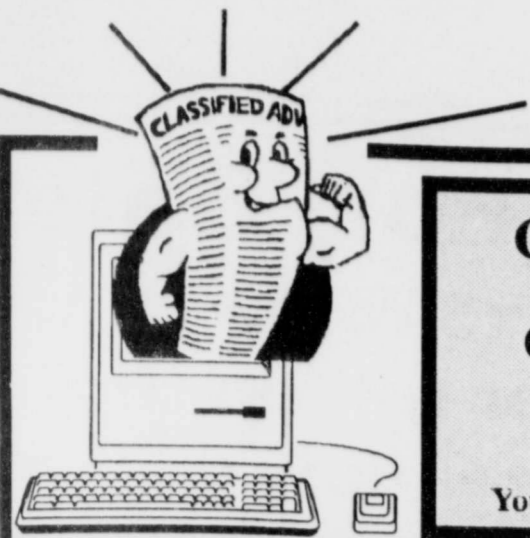
SECTION 3. That any person found guilty of parking any motor vehicle or other vehicle in the above described areas at any time shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine as allowed by the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any valid provision of this or other ordinances of the City of Bogata, Texas.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective the 16th day of September, 2000.
 Jack Crane, Mayor 8-17

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 City of Blossom
 Drought Contingency Plan
 The City Council of Blossom, Texas hereby gives notice of the development and implementation of a Drought Contingency Plan. This plan will affect water users serviced by Blossom Municipal Water, especially during defined drought conditions.
 A public hearing concerning the proposed plan is to be held as follows: Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, TX 75416, Thursday, August 24, 2000, 5:30 p.m.
 All citizens are encouraged to attend and present their views. For additional information, or to present written comments, contact Tony Chance, City Administrator, 903-982-5900.
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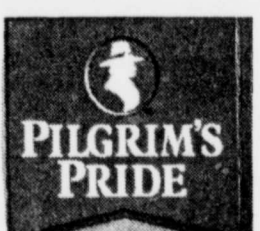

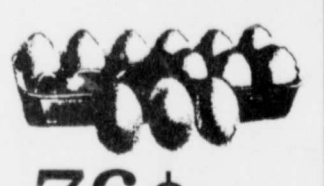








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